

CENTENNIAL CONNECTION

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CENTENNIAL 2020 CENSUS RESPONSE BEST IN THE NATION

Congratulations, Centennial residents! We did our part in making sure that we are counted for years to come!

Thank you Sterling Heights, Michigan for challenging us to a friendly competition in the final months of the #2020Census! We are proud to announce that the *City of Centennial came out on top with the highest Census self-response rate of any other city in the nation with a population of over 100,000 residents.*

#WeAreOneCentennial #EveryoneCounts

Self-response rates are from households that responded to the 2020 Census online, by mail or by phone. In addition, field workers were sent into communities to complete a process known as Nonresponse Follow-up and

in Colorado a total of 99.9% of households were counted through a combination of self-response and by census takers. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, by October 19, 2020 well over 99.98% of all housing units across the country had been accounted for in the 2020 Census.

The Census Bureau is continuing to process the data

in order to deliver complete and accurate state population counts as close as possible to the Dec. 31, 2020, statutory deadline.

Read more about the 2020 Census at census.gov.



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Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
(excluding holidays)



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2020 Census Response Rates

National Response Rate

Total Response:	99,000,000 (households self-responded)
Total Enumerated:	99.9%
Daily Total Change:	▲ 0.0%
Total Self-Responded:	67.0%

Self-Responded by City

1	Centennial, Colorado	87.0%
2	Sterling Heights, Michigan	84.7%
3	Naperville, Illinois	84.3%
4	Arvada, Colorado	83.7%
5	Elk Grove, California	82.5%
6	Thousand Oaks, California	82.2%
6	Simi Valley, California	82.2%
8	Sugar Land, Texas	81.6%
9	Allen, Texas	80.4%
10	Cary, North Carolina	80.0%

Data includes responses collected on the Internet, by phone, by mail, and in person (total enumerated only) in the 2020 Census. Population Data: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties (2019) and Places (2018). Population Estimates, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau * "1,000,000" includes areas with populations greater than 1,000,000.

Shape your future
START HERE > **Census 2020**

Happy 20th Centennial!

In 2021 Centennial will celebrate its 20 year anniversary! Centennial incorporated as a City back in 2001. We would like to thank you for making Centennial an award winning City and a place where neighborhoods and businesses matter. We wouldn't be who we are today without you, so thank you!



Let's Start by Looking Back

We've come a long way in 20 years! The City's history highlights a strong shared community value of self-determination and desire to provide quality services to all citizens.

Read about the City's history at centennialco.gov/history.

There have been some unforgettable moments throughout Centennial's first 20 years. From being one of the largest City's (at the time) to incorporate, to being awarded a Bloomberg Philanthropies Innovation Team Grant in 2014 and even adopting an innovative Fiber Master Plan in 2016. There is a lot for the Centennial community to be proud of.

To learn more about the City's milestone moments visit centennialco.gov/milestones.

Looking Ahead

We're gearing up to honor the first twenty years and we want you to celebrate with us! Learn more and continue celebrating with us throughout 2021 by checking the City's website at centennialco.gov and follow us on social media @CentennialGov.

CARES Grants Support Community

In partnership with Arapahoe County, the City of Centennial has implemented CARES funding in the form of CARES Grants to provide relief to the community.

Centennial CARES: Nonprofit Services Grants

Centennial's City Council directed \$750,000 of City funding to be used to support nonprofit organizations serving our community. The Centennial CARES: Nonprofit Services Grants are intended to help 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations that provide services to Centennial residents in response to COVID-19. Nonprofit organizations do not need to have a physical address in the City so long as they are serving City residents.

To apply and learn more, visit centennialco.gov/nonprofitcaresgrants.

Centennial CARES: Residential Care Setting Grants

Centennial's City Council has directed \$750,000 of City funding to be used to support Residential Care Settings in our community. The Centennial CARES: Residential Care Settings Grants are intended to help Residential Care Settings (Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, Group Homes, and Intermediate Care Facilities) serving those at high risk for COVID-19 within the City of Centennial.

To apply and learn more, visit centennialco.gov/residentialcaresettinggrants.

Business Grants Available from Arapahoe County

Arapahoe County launched a \$5 million grant program targeted to businesses with a gross annual revenue of \$1 million dollars or less within Arapahoe County to ease the current economic burden resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible businesses can received up to \$40,000.

Apply online at arapahoegov.com/2113/CARES-for-Businesses.

Keep it Up to Keep COVID Down

Keep up the good work, Centennial! Thank you for wearing your face coverings while out and about. As we all know, numbers continue to fluctuate. Therefore, in anticipation of the winter months ahead, Tri-County Health has made the decision to require face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained for the duration of the pandemic.

Face coverings are believed to be key in preventing transmission of COVID-19 to others. This is particularly important among those who are asymptomatic while infected and who do not realize they may be spreading the virus to others.

The use of masks helps keep the infection rates lower and restrictions reduced. Masks help keep our business open. We accomplish more by working together, because **#WeAreOneCentennial**. Keep it up, Centennial!

KEEP IT UP

CITY OF CENTENNIAL

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

The State Releases a Dial Framework to help standardize openness status

In an effort, to provide guidance and increased transparency, the State released a “dial framework” standardizing different levels of “openness” for each county, based on COVID-19 case reporting and trends.

There are five levels to guide county response to COVID-19. Counties move back and forth between levels depending on three metrics.

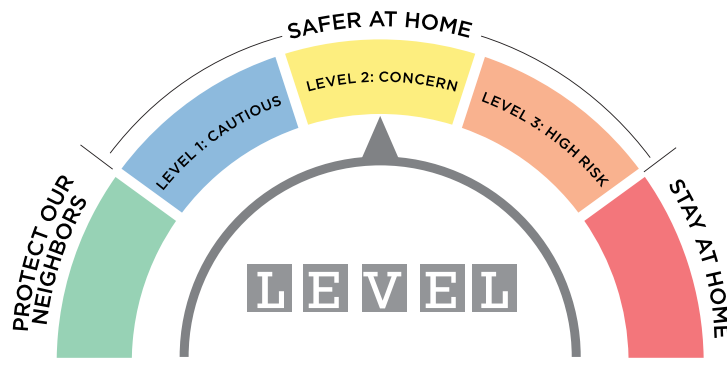
The Five Levels:

1. **Protect Our Neighbors**
2. **Safer at Home 1: Cautious**
3. **Safer at Home 2: Concern**
4. **Safer at Home 3: High Risk**
5. **Stay at Home**

Levels are based on the number of new cases, the percent of positive COVID tests, the impact on hospitals and local considerations. As the dial moves left, toward Protect Our Neighbors, more people can participate in various activities.

The goal of this framework is to give communities a tool to make life in the pandemic more sustainable. In addition, the State created a dashboard map which visually shows the “dial” level of each county.

You can view County Level Dashboards at **covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial**.



COVID-19 Temporary Use Permits Available

Do you own or represent a restaurant and want to extend your usable space? Check out regulations and apply online at **centennialco.gov/temporaryusepermit**.

Are you considering building a tent or other temporary structure? View 'Tent & Temporary Structure Permits' requirements at **centennialco.gov/building**.

Reducing Congestion along Yosemite Street with Smart Technology

In September, the cities of Centennial, Greenwood Village and Lone Tree completed the installation and activation of new Smart Technology to implement a cross-jurisdictional approach to managing and reducing traffic congestion. This new smart system signal technology allows for a more connected, data-driven, multi-jurisdictional traffic management plan for the Yosemite Street Corridor between Lincoln Avenue in Lone Tree and Bellevue Avenue in Greenwood Village, that promotes efficient and safe traffic flow through the installation of sensors and adaptive signal controls at traffic signals.

These smart signals simultaneously collect event-based traffic data from across multiple intersections in the Yosemite corridor. Essentially, the traffic lights talk to each other to help improve the flow of traffic and reduce congestion along the Yosemite corridor.

Dozens of intersections along the Yosemite Street corridor from Lincoln Avenue to Bellevue Avenue are now equipped with new advanced detection systems and new camera technology. This project is part of the City's multi-year plan to build out an Intelligence Traffic System.

Learn more at centennialco.gov/its



Join the Sock it to 'em Challenge



Join the City of Centennial in the **Sock it to 'Em Sock Challenge** and help us do something nice for those who are less fortunate in the community. Many people are looking for opportunities to help; this is a socially-distanced, safe way to help others.

The Sock it to 'Em campaign is a donation drive to provide socks for the homeless.

It's easy to help:

- Set up a collection box for your business, school or neighborhood.
- Drop off new socks at a sock collection box location
- Drop off new socks at the Centennial Civic Center at 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.

The City is allowing limited public entry to the Civic Center by appointment only. To arrange a large drop off, call 303-325-8000 or email the City at info@centennialco.gov by December 1, 2020. You can help spread community spirit and show appreciation for those who are less fortunate. Together we can make a difference, **#WeAreOneCentennial!**



Mayor Piko has office hours every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Centennial Civic Center by appointment only, and is available virtually or in person.

To schedule, visit centennialco.gov/covid19.

Getting Ready for Winter

During the winter season, Centennial's Public Works team works in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and homeowners to provide cost effective snow and ice control services. This helps ensure adequate mobility for public transit and emergency vehicles as well as continued access to businesses and residential streets when authorized in the event of a severe winter storm. Learn about the City's Snow and Ice Control Plan, winter safety tips and snow plow routes at centennialco.gov/snow.

Did you know?

Centennial receives an average of 65 inches of snowfall per year, which is more than twice the national average.

City Street Priorities

- ❄ **PRIORITY 1 (P1):** Major arterial streets
- ❄ **PRIORITY 2 (P2):** Minor arterial and major collector streets
- ❄ **PRIORITY 3 (P3):** All remaining streets not identified at P1 or P2. Plowed only when authorized by the City Manager when forecasted accumulation is six or more inches, forecasted temperatures are below freezing for an extended period after a storm, forecasted additional snow within the next 24-48 hours and budget is available.

View the Snow Plow Priority Map at centennialco.gov/snowplowpriority.

Ice Removal

The City's Public Works crews proactively monitor ice build-up on residential streets and will remove ice when conditions warrant. Generally, the criteria used to identify the highest priority locations for ice cutting services includes either ice build-up in the travel lane or ice forming in the gutter. Follow these steps to request ice removal service in your area.

- ❄ Contact the City at 303.325.8000 or submit a request online at centennialco.gov/iceremoval
- ❄ The City inspects all reported locations to determine if ice cutting services are warranted.
- ❄ Once inspected, the City will add the location to the list of areas in need of ice removal.
- ❄ Residents will be notified of the timeframe ice cutting will occur to coordinate the location of vehicles parked on the street.

Who clears it?

State Highways - CDOT maintains I-25, Parker Road, University Boulevard and Arapahoe Road from I-25 to Parker.

The City of Centennial maintains Priority 1 & 2 streets for all snow events and Priority 3 streets when authorized by the City Manager.

Homeowners are encouraged to maintain sidewalks, driveways and gutters. Place shoveled snow and ice in the yard, not the street.



Happy Holidays, Centennial!

In Centennial, we value kindness, integrity and diversity in order to build a strong, unified and inclusive community in which all citizens feel welcome and safe. We value protecting the community's physical and emotional wellbeing. The City is committed to upholding, demonstrating and living these values and takes pride in this Community Value Statement.

The holiday season is a common time to experience stress and sadness. Especially this year, during the pandemic and resulting stay at home directives we have experienced, it's important to know that if you are having a difficult time this holiday season, you're never alone. We encourage you to explore local resources to strengthen your mental and physical wellbeing. You can find helpful information online at centennialco.gov/resources.

We hope you have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

IMPROVING WATER QUALITY BEGINS AT HOME

Keeping It From The Streets – Six Easy Ways You Can Help Improve Our Water Quality!

Most people mistakenly believe that storm drains lead to water treatment plants – but they lead directly to your neighborhood creek with no filters.

That means whatever bad stuff you wash off your driveway or sweep into the street ends up polluting

fresh water sources, negatively affecting vegetation and wildlife and ultimately, our drinking water.

A good rule of thumb: Nothing in the storm drain but stormwater! To learn more about ways you can help improve the beneficial function of your neighborhood creek, visit semswa.org or call 303-858-8844.

Here are six easy (really!) ways you can help protect our waterways and improve our water quality:



- 1. THINK BEFORE DUMPING.** Paint, stain, or carpet cleaning water should never be dumped down a sink drain or outside near a gutter flow line.



- 2. KEEP IT OUT OF THE GUTTER.** Excess lawn fertilizer does NOT make drainage ways greener. Sweep fertilizer back into your lawn and keep it away from the gutters and storm drains.



- 3. AVOID DRIVEWAY CAR CARE.** If you wash your car at home, divert the water to your grass which can help filter out pollutants.

Harmful detergents, tire residue, grease and oil rinsed off your car and down the street end up in your neighborhood creek.



- 4. KEEP THE “MOBILE” IN AUTOMOBILE.** If you have a car you don't drive often, fix leaks or use a drip pan underneath. Cars parked for extended periods of time without being driven leak fluids that make their way to the storm drain.



- 5. KEEP NEW LANDSCAPING MATERIAL ON YOUR PROPERTY.** Have landscaping material delivered *on* your property; it's a City violation to store them on the street. Plan your project for dry weather, get it done in one weekend and sweep up and throw away the leftovers rather than hose off.



- 6. PICK IT UP AND PITCH IT.** Clean up dog waste and dispose properly in a garbage can. If dog owners don't clean up after their pooches, 390 million pounds of dog waste can wash into our waterways every year just in Colorado!

Interested in Serving on a Centennial Board, Commission or Committee?

The City will begin accepting applications for Centennial Boards, Commissions or Committees in December. Applications may be found on the City website after December and will be accepted through February 15, 2021.

New appointments will be made at the end of March. Serving on a board or commission is a great way to be involved with the Centennial community and provide input on important issues.

Visit centennialco.gov to learn more about the different Boards, Commissions and Committees or call 303-325-8000.





TIPS FOR SAVING ENERGY AT HOME

1

EMBRACE LAYERS

Rather than crank up your heat, keep your thermostat at a moderate level and bundle up.

LET THE SUN IN!

During the day, take advantage of sunlight from south-facing windows to heat your home.

3

COOL OFF YOUR WATER HEATER

Set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Every 10° reduction saves 3 to 5% on your energy bill!

SEAL IT UP

Add caulk and weather stripping to seal air leaks around drafty doors and windows. Make sure other openings, such as chimneys, are also well sealed against air leaks.

5

HIT THE ROOF

Insulating your attic is probably the highest sustained return on investment of any of the energy-saving insulation tips.



For more tips, visit XcelEnergy.com
To learn about Centennial's Energy Action Plan at centennialco.gov/energy



Stay connected

Receive up-to-date news and information on what's important to you. Sign up at centennialco.gov/notifyme

If you
see
something,

say
something!

24-Hour Citizen
Response Center
Phone: 303-325-8000
Online: centennialco.gov/reportaproblem



Heroes among us

The City of Centennial is immensely grateful for the service of our local veterans. Read their stories at centennialco.gov/veterans.



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Due to the rapidly changing climate surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, information, including closings and appointment availability may have changed since this newsletter was distributed.

Please visit **centennial.gov** for the latest information.

The Holiday Season and COVID-19

The holiday season is upon us and the City encourages everyone to plan ahead and celebrate safely.

What to Consider When Planning Holiday Celebrations:

- **Community levels of COVID-19.** Consider the local number and rate of COVID-19 cases when considering whether to host or attend a holiday celebration. Information on the number of cases can be found on the Tri-County Health Department website at **tchd.org**.
- **The location.** Indoor events generally pose more risk than outdoor gatherings. Inclement weather may make it difficult to host outdoor gatherings.
- **The duration.** Gatherings that last longer pose more risk than shorter gatherings.
- **The number of people.** Gatherings with more people pose more risk than gatherings with fewer people. The ability to reduce or limit contact and allow for social distancing should help determine the correct size of a holiday gathering.

- **Where are the guests coming from?** Attendees who are traveling from different places may pose a higher risk, especially if they visit from places where the levels of COVID-19 are higher.
- **Let them know your plan.** Some guests may feel more comfortable attending your gathering if you have a plan and explain how you will encourage social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing, and other prevention behaviors.
- **Go or no go?** Check current COVID-19 levels when planning celebrations to determine whether to postpone, cancel, or limit the number of attendees.

View local COVID-19 case counts at **tchd.org** and statewide updates at **covid19.colorado.gov**.

